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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00PM

Weekdays: 7:00 AM

Holy Days: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesday mornings after 7:00 AM Liturgy

Rosary:

Recited every weekday morning before Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

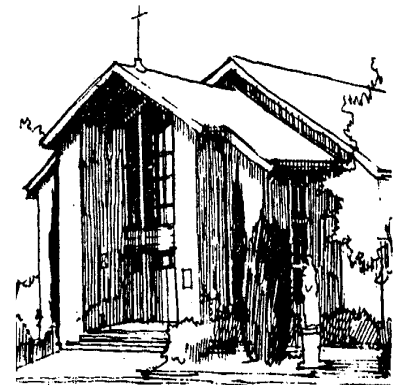
Every Wednesday 7:30-8:30 AM

Office Hours:

8:30 AM-12:00 PM – 1:30 PM-5:00 PM

School Office 357-8772

School Office Hours: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2011 “If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”
— Matthew 18:19



If you saw your young child about to put his hand in a hot stove, wouldn't you move quickly to prevent him from being burned? If that same child got hold of your prescription medicine, you'd act just as quickly to prevent a terrible mishap. If a distracted friend was about to step into oncoming traffic, you'd grab her arm to save her, wouldn't you? If, perhaps, a companion drank too much at a party, you would see to it that he did not drive. If your teenager was hanging out with friends who were known to be troublemakers, wouldn't you do something to remedy the situation? What if a friend or co-worker was in an abusive relationship — wouldn't you try to help her in some way?

There are countless other occasions when we see someone hurt or in danger or on the brink of a calamity and we, good friends and family members that we are, step up to help. If we can extend our care to others in all these instances of physical, emotional or psychological need, why are we reluctant to do the same with regard to sin? Today the sacred texts address this issue clearly and frankly, affirming that we are to muster whatever gumption is necessary to meet this mutual responsibility.

Paul, in his letter to the Roman Christians (second reading), underscored the motivation for reaching out to one another with care: We owe it to one another to love each other. Because authentic love does no evil, love is willing to confront others with their failures — not solely for the sake of correction but with an eye to their conversion and ours as well.

As an integral aspect of his own conversion to God, Ezekiel was called to serve his contemporaries as a sentinel or watchman. Like his prophetic colleagues, Ezekiel was to be so attuned to God's will and God's ways that he could me-

diat whatever God wished to be made known. God's message very frequently came in the form of a call to turn from evil so as to embrace the good. If he did not respond to God and made that call known, Ezekiel would be held culpable; if he fulfilled his ministry faithfully, then the onus of responsibility fell upon the recipients of his message to hear and to heed his words.

In today's gospel, the Matthean Jesus is represented as offering a procedure for helping another to see the error and their ways and turn again to God. This procedure of brotherly and sisterly correction probably reflects the situation of the Matthean community of the eighties and was intended not to alienate or isolate the sinner but to encourage his/her conversion.

In his reflection on mutual correction, Dietrich Bonhoeffer (*Life Together*, Harper and Row Pub., New York, NY: 1954) has described the willingness to admit one's sinfulness before God and others as a process of liberation marked by several breakthroughs. Those who will surrender to this process break through first of all to *community*. Whereas sin isolates one from the other, the admission of sin empowers a fellowship which mutually strengthens believers to resist sin together.

Those who unite in admitting their sinfulness and in helping one another to resist sin will also break through to the *Cross*. On the Cross, Jesus suffered the scandalous, public execution of a criminal for our sakes. Our belonging to Jesus enables us to face the "dying" that comes with admitting our sins to one another and the even more difficult death of helping another to see and own his/her sinfulness. This breakthrough, though often painful, leads to a breakthrough to *new life*. When sin is called by its name and repented of, its dominion is broken and a new beginning becomes possible.

Finally, honest admission of sin and mutual correction can enable the believer to break through to *certainty*. God gives us this certainty, explained Bonhoeffer, through our brother and/or sister. A person who admits his/her sin in the presence of another knows that he/she is no longer alone; he/she experiences God in the reality of the other person.

Therefore, when Ezekiel or Paul, or Jesus or any member of the community cares enough for us to help us to see and to overcome the power of sin in our lives, we are to be humble enough and truthful enough to accept this opportunity as the grace that it is. Then, together, we will be able to break through to community, to the cross, to new life and to the certainty of God's love.

9/11 Commemoration Concert with Oakland Symphony Chorus @Cathedral Join the Oakland Symphony Chorus and Oakland Civic Orchestra as they perform Mozart's Requiem on the ten year anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Oakland's mayor Jean Quan will be in attendance for this special occasion. There will be a post concert floral tribute and moment of silence on the Cathedral Plaza led by Fr. Jayson Landaza, Oakland Fire and Police Chaplain. Mozart enthusiasts are invited to bring their Requiem score and sing-along. This free tribute event is open to the entire community. Donation: Free to the public. For addition info contact www.ctlcathedral.org.

School News

The first week of school is officially over at Assumption School. Back to School Night was held on Thursday, August 25, where many new families were introduced. Summer birthdays were also celebrated on Thursday with free dress. Those students or staff who celebrated a birthday in June, July, or August were called up in front of the school at morning assembly, where Happy Birthday was sung by the entire school. The Innisbrook gift wrap assembly was held on Friday, August 25, and all students were encouraged to participate in this annual fundraiser. On Sunday, August, 28, the Kindergarten class was presented to the Parish and a picnic was sponsored by the Parish in the afternoon.

Just a reminder that the Assumption Festival will be held on September 16 & 17. Many people are working hard to create the best Festival ever. Volunteers are still needed for the shower booth. We look forward to seeing all parishioners at the festival.

Assumption Festival

Hello everyone! The Assumption Festival is coming up in September 16 and 17 and we would love to have your help and support. The theme this year is "**Celebrate the Red, White & Blue**". There are many ways you can help.

- Join us for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, the 18th
- Sponsor a booth. Do you have a business that could make a financial donation to sponsor a booth? You will receive advertising in the printed material and a signage on a booth!
- Purchase 50/50 Raffle Tickets.
- Purchase Big Board spaces.
- Donate prizes for the prize booth such as unused "kid" prizes.
- Donate any left-over decorations from the 4th of July that you think we can use to decorate the booths.
- Donate prizes for the Big Board.
- Plan to attend the Assumption Festival.

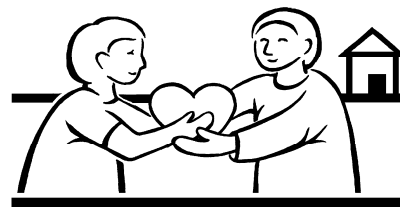
Please contact Susan McCue at (510) 638-7434/susan@mccuefamily.com or Karen Barbera 569-534/karenbarbera@sbcglobal.net with any questions!

As always thank you for your continued support of Assumption School

Fall Festival Needs Help!!!

Are you a caterer, chef, or restaurant owner? We are in great need of someone to chair our Festival Food Booth. If you can help, PLEASE call Karen Barbera at 331-4779.

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St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Our Conference would like to **thank all** the parishioners who continue to donate non-perishable foods to our food pantry." **We appreciate all your recent donations and help in reaching out to the poor and needy in our community.** Help us help others by referring those in need to our **HELP-LINE at 352-6079.**

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Thank you for your generosity!!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will once again be at the Assumption Festival on Saturday, September 17th. Hours are 11 am to 5 pm. Please join us in this community event. Please contact Jan Kehoe at jkehoe.blood@yahoo.com or 352-2624 for an appointment.

The **Rosary Makers** Session is Tuesday, September 5th in the rectory from 9a.m. to 11a.m. A recent EWTN program showed a severe lack of rosaries in Russia after the fall of Communism when people were once again free to worship God. The program showed a big crowd standing in line in a Catholic church for their turn to use the rosary to pray. The rosary when not in use, would hang on the wall of the church for those people who could not afford to buy one for themselves



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CALLING ALL FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES

Classes start on Sunday, September 11th at 10:30AM in the GYM for a "Back to Faith Formation" meeting with Fr. Vince and Faith Formation Families.

Applications are on the back tables in Church.

Please submit the application and fee at the Rectory office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) offers many opportunities to receive Sacraments.

Confirmation for Adults

There are sign up sheets and information on the tables in the back of church.

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If you want to become a member of the Catholic Church and are already Baptized in another Faith, see Toni Durden, RCIA Coordinator, in our Church office on Sunday mornings.

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If you would like to be Baptized drop by our Church office on Sunday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and Noon and ask for Toni Durden.

A special **THANK YOU** to all who worked on the Parish Picnic. Dave Chapman and Tomas Pineda fed us all so well, as always. Thank you to Normie Pineda and Linda Leboa and family for all their hard work and dedication. It was a great day at the park!!

Haven Youth Group will resume on September 12 at 7:30p.m. in the Youth Center. All high school students are invited to be part of this fun group.

Seniors join us on September 21 at 4pm in the gym for dinner and a movie.

Week at a glance.....

Sunday 4th.....Gym CYO 11a.m.
Monday.....Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday.....Rectory Rosary Makers 9a.m.
 H School Board 7pm
 Gym CYO 3:30p.m.-9p.m.
Wednesday.....H Children's Choir 3:30 p.m.
 Church Adult Choir 7:30p.m.
Thursday.....H PTG 7p.m.
 Gym CYO 3:30p.m.-9p.m.
Friday.....Gym Jr. High Dance
Saturday.....Gym CYO 9a.m.-9p.m.
Sunday.....Gym Faith Formation
 Mtg. 10:30a.m.
 Rectory Adult RCIA 9a.m.
 Catechumens 11a.m.
 Inquiry 10a.m.

CYO Fall sign up will be on Tuesday, September 6th from 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m. in the gym. There will be no late sign ups. Spring sports sign ups will be in January 2012.

Office will be closed on Monday September 5th.

WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST Weekly Mass Intentions

September 3 - September 11

Saturday 5:00 Maura McClelland +
Sunday 7:30 Laura Moniz +
 9:00 Valdemar Monteiro +
 10:30 Getulio & Nicholas Fernando +
 12:00 Raymond Querol +
Monday 7:00 Charles Seebeger +
Tuesday 7:00 Folan Family +
Wednesday 7:00 Dennis Barrett +
Thursday 7:00 Marvyn Fauria +
Friday 7:00 Frank Campbell +
Saturday 8:00 Dennis Barrett +
 5:00 Michael O'Malley +
Sunday 7:30 Andrea Pacis +
 9:00 Agnes Keating +
 10:30 Fernando Cardoso Sr.
 12:00 Chloe Asuncion +

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Head Lector: Barbara Buckley.....352-9656
 Altar Server Coordinators:
 Dennis Burigsay.....
 Mike Tedeschi.....
 Head Communion Ministers:
 Joe and Mina Riccio352-3506
 Head Usher: Al Weinberger.....895-9900
 Head Greeter:352-1537
 Ministry Scheduler: Barbara Buckley.....352-9656
 Susan Hupp.....352-1537
 Teen Confirmation:
 Deacon Harry Clyde.....352-1537
 St. Vincent de Paul
 Joe Riccio.....352-6079
 Pastoral Council:
 Paul Carney635-9473
 School Board:
 Leila Towne.....632-0594
 Liturgy Committee/Finance Committee:
 Loretta Fernandes.....352-1537
 Pat Durgin632-4032
 All Saints Skilled Nursing
 Merlie Macasieb.....895-5162
 Bishop's Appeal:.....352-1537
 Tuesdays with Larry:
 Larry Graves352-4777
 Rosary Makers:
 Irene Haines483-7975
 CYO:
 Don Ratto614-2773
 Communion to the Homebound:
 Mary Croak.....352-1537
 Communion to Kindred Hospital:
 Al Frates.....351-2852
 Prayer Chain:
 JoMarie Stavosky.....483-3366
 Knit/Crochet Group
 Mary Croak.....357-7562
 Linens:
 Anita De Marais.....357-9172
 Cursillo
 Jennie Gisslow.....635-4143

Assumption Parish Mission Statement

Assumption Parish is a culturally diverse and vibrant Catholic community which strives to grow as followers of Jesus Christ. We do this by accepting the challenge to build a Christ-centered community that draws on the wisdom of our seniors and the energy of our youth. We are committed to Catholic education at various levels. We are nurtured by inspired Liturgy, active and enriching faith formation programs, and inclusive family ministry, all of which enable us to share our gifts of time, talent, treasure and vision with our parish family and surrounding communities.